

PATENT

Docket No.: JCLA12006

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : NAOYUKI TAKANO et al.  
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For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FILLING FUEL  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner For Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: